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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN THEREON, TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN AND FOR RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-08-0328

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ORDER INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM ON NEW CONNECTIONS TO THE V-7 FEEDER LINE SERVING THE WHETSTONE, RAIN VALLEY, ELGIN, CANELO, SONOITA, AND PATAGONIA, ARIZONA AREAS.

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-09-0453

NOTICE OF FILING PUBLIC FORUM REPORT

Pursuant to the January 29, 2010, Procedural Order in the above-captioned matters, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby submits its public forum report.

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Docket Nos. E-01575A-08-0328 and E-01575A-09-0453 Decision No. 71274 and Procedural Order January 29, 2010 Sonoita Reliability Project ("SRP") Public Forum Report February 10, 2010

In compliance with the Arizona Corporation Commission Decision ("Commission") No. 71274 ("Decision") and the Procedural Order dated January 29, 2010, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC") submits the following schedule of Public Forums to be held "in the communities served by the planned 69kV line and associated upgrades," and in communities throughout SSVEC's service territory.

SSVEC has scheduled Public Forums in the areas directly impacted by the SRP ("Affected Areas") on the following dates and at the following locations:

March 9, 2010	Patagonia High School, 200 Naugle Ave, Patagonia AZ	6:00pm
March 11, 2010	Elgin Elementary School, 23 Elgin Rd, Sonoita AZ	6:00pm

Meetings with various local organizations in the Affected Areas may also be scheduled.

SSVEC has scheduled presentations to Local Chambers of Commerce on the following dates and at the following locations:

March 2, 2010	Willcox Chamber of Commerce, Willcox, AZ	12:00pm
March 25, 2010	Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Vista ,AZ	8:00am
March 25, 2010	Benson Chamber of Commerce, Benson, AZ	12:00pm

Further meetings with various local organizations may also be scheduled.

SSVEC will advertise the Public Forums in the following newspapers:

- Nogales Bulletin, Regional newspaper in the Affected Areas
- Patagonia Regional Times, Regional newspaper in the Affected Areas
- Sierra Vista Herald, Regional newspaper in the greater Sierra Vista area

SSVEC will mail its members a formal announcement letter to include the Public Forum dates, times, meeting locations, agenda, and locations where the Independent Feasibility Study will be made available for inspection and review, and post the announcements on its website and in its regional offices.

SSVEC intends to make the Independent Feasibility Study available for inspection and review at the following locations:

- SSVEC Regional Office, 281 McKeown Avenue, Patagonia, AZ
- SSVEC Regional Office, 311 E. Wilcox Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ
- SSVEC Regional Office, 350 N. Haskell Ave, Willcox, AZ
- SSVEC Regional Office, 285 W. Fifth Street, Benson, AZ
- SSVEC Regional Office, 4179 W. Thistle Lane, Elfrida, AZ
- Patagonia Public Library, 342 Duquesne Avenue, Patagonia, AZ
- Sonoita Community Library, 3147 Highway 83, Sonoita, AZ

SSVEC intends to advertise the Public Forums and make available a hard copy of the Independent Feasibility Study at least two weeks prior to first meeting date. The Independent Feasibility Study has been, and will continue to be, available on SSVEC's website. It is also available on the Commission's E-Docket.

SSVEC will engage an independent moderator to conduct the Public Forums in the Affected Areas and to assist in the open and impartial exchange of ideas.

Topics which shall be addressed at the Public Forums will focus on solutions identified in the Independent Feasibility Study. Included in the discussion at the Public Forums, is how renewable energy generation could be incorporated into the generation plans to serve the area covered by the planned 69kV line and associated upgrades and other areas in SSVEC's service territory.

The Agenda for the Public Forums is as follows:

- Introduction of Moderator and Presenters
- Review of the Sonoita Reliability Project
- o Overview of the Proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission
- o Presentation of the Independent Feasibility Study
- o Renewable Energy Generation Plans for the Area to include:
 - o \$6 Million 750kW Solar Array at proposed Sonoita Substation
 - o \$1.2 Million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 'Smart Grid'

- Demand Side Management possibilities
- o Open Discussions between SSVEC and members of the public regarding solutions identified in the Independent Feasibility Study and how renewable energy generation could be incorporated into the generation plans to serve the Affected Areas covered by the planned 69kV Line and associated upgrades.

SSVEC intends to prepare a record of the Public Forums which, if practical, will be posted on its website and will be utilized in the preparation of the compliance report SSVEC will file as required by the Decision.